GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to `privatize` the Non-Clinical Services of the Hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether implementation of the National Health Policy-2001 and National Population Policy-2000 in letter and spirit by the States was monitored by the Government;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(c) to (e) National Health Policy, 2001 is still under finalization. It shall be implemented and monitored after it is approved by the Cabinet and notified.

National Commission on Population has been constituted directly under the chairmanship of Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of all States/UTs, demographers, non-government organisations and public health professionals as members to advise in operationalising the National Population Policy. An empowered Action Group has been constituted under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Health & FW for focused attention on improving the coverage and outreach of services in the eight states of U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Rajasthan and Assam, involving voluntary associations, community organisations and Panchayati Raj institutions in this national effort. Series of consultations have been held with all stakeholders i.e. the State Health and FW Ministers, State Secretaries, Professional Medical Associations and Medical Experts, NGOs, Media Persons, Corporate Sectc and Civil Society for implementation of the National Population Policy, 2000.Based on the operational strategies enumerated in NPP-2000 and suggestions made in the consultation conferences, an Action Plan has been prepared which is under implementation.